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- Process for preparing polyurethane resins colored with Anthrequinone colorants end products produced thereby.

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PROCESS FOR PREPARING POLYURETHANE RESINS COLORED WITH ANTHRAQUINONE COLORANTS AND PRODUCTS PRODUCED THEREBY

This invention relates to e process for preparing colored polyurothere resine, particularly fearns, and the products produced thereby. Specifically, this invention relates to a process for in size coloration of polyurothere resins in brilliant, steble, and essentially normigreting blue shades through the use of reactive 1.4-bl-sers-citive imposting on the product of the product

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se whibit improved transpreency characteristics, both of which are important commercial eributes.

Dyes rather than pigments are prelamed for use in cobing polyurethane resists because each molecule of eye imparts color to the product. Conversely, only the surface molecules of pigment particles impart color. From the standpoint of utilization, then, dyes are more effective than pigments. Due to the above-noded shortcomings of dyes, however, planners the vehi bathorials because deservisely.

Other approaches to the coloration of polymethenes specifically are set forth in U. S. Perent Number 5,964,835 to Wolf, et al., and U. S. Patent Number 4,132,840 to Hugi, et al. Wolf, et al., discloses the edition of olspeatens of cyestifies containing at least one five aminor or hydroxyl group capable of reacting with the isocyenate under the conditions of the polyaddition reaction cutring polymethane production. Hugi, et al., disclose the coloration of polymethane resions with dyearths having not formula:

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⁵⁸ wherein R₁ is hydrogen, hatogen, optionelly substituted C₁-C₄ allyl, optionelly substituted C₁-C₄ allyclambonylamino and R₁ denotes hydrogen, optionity substituted C₁-C₄ alloy, well-8 and B denote optional branched skytene chains which can be identical or different and preferably have from 2 to about 6 carbon etcons.

Thus, it is known that polyurethanes may be colored adventageously with dyes, provided that coor reactive dyes are used. This method has deficiencies, however, with regard to solubility and compatibility of the dyes with the polyurethane reaction mixture.

One definite improvement in prior art techniques is set forth in commonity assigned U. S. Pet. No. 28,428.729 to Dosso. et al., in which is liquid polymetric colonant is added to the reaction instance production of a thermoser rend. Cross, et al., obtained that is liquid, reactive, polymetric colonant could be added bother or during the polysication reaction to activate desired colonard or the thermoser rend. The specific polymetric colonant of Cross, et al., has the formula:

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In summary, it is known that polyurethane resists may be provided with coloration by in this coloration with obtrants possessing reactive end groups, it is also known that the reactive colorants may be polymeric and be liquids, and that they may be competible with the polyurethane reaction instance. It is also known that contain colorants may not be used edvantageously for in also coloration of polyurethanes due to adverse

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Because 1.4-diskytaminoenthraquinones are highly useful coloring agents, it would be very desirable to provide e process for in situ coloration of polyurethanes with these colorants in which the aforementioned

25 deficiencies were overcionine. Thus, the present invention provides a process for in situ coloration of polyurethane restins using 1,4-diskylaminoanthraculonne colorants. Spocifically, the present invention provides e process for in situ coloration of polyurethanes using 1,4-bits-sec-lightylaminoanthraculonne colorants having the formula:

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$$0 \underset{\text{NN-CH-}(X)_{\overline{a}}(Y)_{\overline{b}} Z}{\text{NN-CH-}(X)_{\overline{a}}(Y)_{\overline{b}} Z}$$

in which R₁ and R₂ ere independently selected from an ellipt group haying from 1 to about 12 carbon 43 atoms, X is --CH₂--, a and 4 size integers from 1 to about 0, and Y and Y are independently selected from polymeric user to hydroxy elliptions or alliptions color amonthers selected from enhytene oxide, probylene oxide, butylene oxide, cyclehaxane oxide, or glyciotid, b and b are independently either 0 or 1, and 2 and Z are reactive crossus independently elected from -CH--MH₃, or -SH--

Of imponence in the invention is that the carbon atom directly attached to the amino nitrogen of the enthrequinon setucture to secondary. While the inventors are not to be limited by any particular theory or mechanism. It is believed that the ration individuors exhalling from this structure protects the colorism from significant adverse interaction with reactive ingredients in the polyurethane reaction mixture during in the

The polymeric units Y and Y may be used to provide to the obtact the obtact of the sixted physical properties a shoulding, compacting provides to the process of the province units Y and Y may have evide vertely of composition to accomplish the option death of the province of the provin

the colorants of the present invention are, without limitation, polyethylane oxides, polyproplene oxides, polypturplane oxides, polypropleneare oxides, and polyplycidists, and block or random copolyment of the above. Further, such polymente units generally have an everage molecular weight in the range of from about 4.4 to 2010 reservinity from about 8.8 to about 14.0 to

The reactive groups Z and Z' may be selected from -OH, -NH₂, or -SH. These groups are generally the terminal hydroxy group of the polyakylene oxide polymaric unit, and this is perferred. Alternatively this group may be modified synthetically to provide other reactive groups, such as emino or thiol.

A most preferred reactive colorant for use in the process of the present invantion has the formula:

in which R₁ and R₂ are as defined above, and n, n', m, m', p, and p' have a value of from 0 to about 40. Colorants used in the process of the present invention are preferably liquid materials at ambient conditions, and if not, are soluble in the rescritor mixture of the process.

The present invertion also relates to certain polymeric, enthrequinone colorants. More particularly, these colorants may be described as having the garnerel formule safe (first in a labove wherein ib is 1, sits they include polymeric units. More preferred colorants may be described as having the formula set forth in allowed wherein the sum of its and its safe is and the sum of in and it is all the sum of its and its safe is and the sum of its all the safe is and the sum of its all the safe is and the sum of its and its safe is and its safe is and it is allowed wherein the sum of its and its safe is and its safe is and it is allowed wherein the sum of its and its safe is and its safe is and its safe is and it is allowed wherein the same of its safe is and its safe is an armount of its safe is a safe i

Any suitable procedure may be employed to produce the network 1-Abitive-solisyteminocativinacionoscocionante for use in the present invention. Thus, for example, procedure set their in U. S. Pats. No. 2.311056 (behaley, or al) and U. S. Pats. No. 4.770,389 (describe) are sociological estimates of the contention of a saturble network procedure their translation of the set to be made or a saturble network procedure their translation of the set to example or a saturble network procedure their translation of the set to example, since only produced their solicity agents for expectation of the procedure of the present invention. The locacitation for the procedure of the procedure o

hours at moderate temperatures. Finally, the oxidized colorant is isolated and purified, if necessary.

The samines used to prepare the colorants employed in the process of the present invantion use advantageously prepared by aministion of secondary hydroxyl termineted polysisyleneousles. Suitable procedures are set forth in U. S. Pat. No. 3,684,370 (Yeakey) and U. S. Pat. Application Serial No. 135,421, (Miller and Relatan), filed December 21, 1997.

Other methods are available to prepare the colorants of the process, and these are known to those skilled in the art.

According to the process of the Invention, the reactive coloratin ray, be incorporated into the result is enjoy adding to the reaction instance of one or the components of the reaction instance or to one or the components of the reaction instance before or during the ophyaddition neaction. For instance, for coloration of polyurethane resils, the colorant ray be added to polyure or the in some instances to the ophylorographs components of the reaction instance either before or during polyurethane formation. The subsequent neaction may be carried out in the usual manner, i.e., in the same was the rook-understance nested which are not colorad.

The process of the present invention is quite edventageous for the production of polyurethane toams in

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which several reactions generally rate place. First an loccyrate such as bluewe discovered is nearted with a popil such as polymorphism (pol) in the presence of heat and satisfact castlys. If both the loccyrate and the polymorphism control is a polymorphism of the p

Since excess incorporate the typically present, the reaction of the incorporate with the amine generated by describovyishen of the carbonic exist occurs, and if controlled, the liberated action cloude becomes whoring agent for production of the form. Further, the primary amine produced reacts with further to incorporate by visid a substituted unaw which efforcs strength and increased immass characteristics to the

page in general amine and tin cetalysts are used to defloately belance the needton of socyanete with water, the blowing rescrion, and the needton of socyanete with polymer building substituents. If the carbon closkide is released to early, the polymer has no strength and the foam collapses. If polymer formation advances to toropidy a closed cell form results within till colleges on cooling. If the colorant or another component reacts to used the cellarly talknown ponyly formed foam will result.

Additionally, the substituted ures reacts with excess tocyanate, and the unothaine fistell reacts with further tocyanets to cross link the polymer by both builter ded eldipricente formation. Foams colored by the present process may be soft, semi-rigid, or rigid foams, including the so called polyurethane integral stat and microcalituir foams.

ording operate subsidies to use in see process of the present limention are reactive conting agent, and may be added to the reaction milkings, not to one of the components these. When is liquid form, contrasted this present himselfor may be added as one or more of the components of the reaction milkings. Conversely when it is not prosent thront. In contrasts see that contrasts are not seen to see the components of the reaction milkings are described to more of the reaction milkings are described the reaction milkings. The contrasts see that the contrast contrast process can be contrast or seen to the components. Occurring highlight these agricultural processing advantages over solds, and may it is determined added directly to the reaction milkings effective, provide unusual and advantageous properties in the final hermode legal processes lawly, herefore, provide unusual and advantageous properties in the final hermode legal processes lawly, herefore, provide unusual and advantageous properties in the final hermode legal processes.

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This preferred reactive colorants used in the process of the invention may be soluble, for instance, in most polycle with moutide bussed in polyverheims, en for inhemselves. This proporty may be particularly valueble for three reasons. First, this solubility may permit rapid mixing and homogeneous distillations of throughout the rest; thus eliminating hadding differences and statast when properly mixed. Second, be colorant may been no tendency to settle as would be the case with pipment dispersions. Third, it is possible to presque a belief of their or more colors within provides a wide range of color validability.

The reactive coloring agents used in the present process may also be of considerable value in nextice injection modifiery (RM) application. The fills process is a restined of producing moded unrehance and so other polymers wherein the two reactive streams are mixed white being pound into a mod. Upon reaction, the polymer is "bloom by produce" is formed valued. The produce is formed valued. The produce is the polymer is "bloom by the Interded by the presence of solid particles, such as glipments. The present invention may not cause this introduction because these are no particles in the system and the octional becomes grant of the purplem relongy reaction with one of the production of the

The following examples serve to further illustrate the subject matter of the present invention, but are not to be construed as limiting the scope thereof. Unless otherwise indicated all parts and percentages, are by weight.

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EXAMPLES 1-15

The general procedure for preparation of 1,4-dialkylaminoanthraquinone colorants is illustrated by this example

A Relative of Q.S. moles of the appropriate primary or secondary adjustment, 0.15 moles of dustriant, 0.05 moles of between proportions, and 100 moles of local productions, and the secondary of local productions, and the local productions of approximately 0.00 are 0.05 mill within the set of the desire exclusions of local productions and productions of approximately 0.00 are 0.05 million 100 million

bloarbonate solution, and water) and stripped to give the liquid colorent.

The following 1,4-diskylamino antivaquinone colorante were prepared using the general procedure outlined ebox.

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10	Ex.# R	m.p.(°C)	Value* (Methanol)
	1. CH(CH ₃) ₂	179-180°	60.0
15	2. CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ CH ₃	155-158°	60.3
	3. CH ₃ ; CH _{2CH2} OH (mixed)	164-167°	64.2
20	4. CH ₂ CH ₂ OH	242-244*	58.0
	5. cH(cH ₃)CH ₂ OH	224-226°	54.0
	6. CH(CH ₂ CH ₃)CH ₂ OH	208-210°	50.8
	7. CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ (OCH ₂ CH ₁₂ OH	48-55°C	29.8
25	8. CH(CH3)CH2[OCH(CH3)CH2][OCH2CH2]40-nB4	Liquid	18.6
30	9. cH(CH3)CH2 [OCH(CH3)CH2]2[OCH2CH2]4OCH3	Liquid	16.0
	10. CH(CH2CH3)CH2 (OCH2CH2)4OH	Liquid	23.1
	11. CH(CH ₂ CH ₃)CH ₂ (OCH ₂ CH ₂) _{7.5} OH	Liquid	8.4
	12. ch(ch ₃)ch ₂ [och(ch ₃)ch ₂] ₂ och ₂ ch(oh)ch ₂ oh	Liquid	13.8
35	 сн(сн₃)сн₂[осн(сн₃)сн₂]₃осн₂]₃осн₂сн(он)сн₂он 	Liquid	19.4
	14. cH(cH ₃)CH ₂ [OCH(CH ₃)CH ₂] ₂ [OCH ₂ CH ₂]OCH ₂ CH(OH)CH ₂ OH	Liquid	13.6
	15. CH(CH3)CH2[OCH(CH3)CH2]3[OCH2CH2]4OCH2CH(OH)CH2OH	Liquid	13.7

* Absorbance of 1.00 g/l solution at λ max.; all colorants had characteristic anthraquinone spectra with λ max between 633 and 645 nm.

EXAMPLE 16

59 This example litustrates the use of 1,4-diskylaminoanthraquinone colorants for in situ coloration of polyurethane, and shows that only the 1,4-bis-sec-ekrylamino derivatives are steble to the polyurethane reaction mixture.

Each of the colorants from Examples 1-15 was diluted with the appropriate amount of N-methylpyrolidone to give a solution color value of 8.0. Solds were discolved by gentle warming. The diluted colorants ware then incorporated into polyure/plane foams using the following formulation:

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Niax 16-58 (Union Carbide)	100	9
Water	4.8	g
Dabco 33LV (Air Products)	0.31	mL.
T-9 Catalyst (Air Products)	0.20	mL
L-520 Silicone	1.5	mL
Dichloromethane	5.4	mL
Toluenediisocyanete	57.5	mL
Colorant	0.4	a

The foams were cured for one hour at 180°C, ellowed to cool, and then out open. Each foam was examined for color uniformity and discoloration. Foams showing no color deterioration were graded "pess", while basse which showed any color loss were graded "fall".

The following results were obtained on the colorants of Examples 1-15.

Colorant of Example #	1 or 2 Alkylamino Substituent	Test Result
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	2 1 1 2 2 1 2	PASS PASS FAIL FAIL PASS PASS FAIL
6 9 10 11 12 13 14	2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2	PASS PASS PASS PASS PASS PASS PASS PASS

EXAMPLE 17

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This example shows thet colorants not containing reactive groups are readily extracted from polyure-those from

A 4 g sample of each foam which had been judged "PASS" in the previous example was immersed in 100 mL of methanol for 24 hours. The quantity of extracted colorant was then estimated by spectrophotometer enalysis of the methanol extra

The following results were obtained.

Colorant of Example #	% Colorant Extracted			
1	>75%			
2	>76			
5	<10			
8	<10			
8	>75			
9	>75			
10	<10			
11	<10			
12	<10			
13	<10			
14	<10			
15	<10			

Claims

1. A procese for coloring polyurethene reeins made by a polyaddition reaction of a polyol and an isocyanete, which comprises adding to the reaction mixture before or during the polyaddition reaction a reactive coloring agent suitable for incorporation in the resin with the formation of covelent bonde, said coloring agent having the formula:

in which R₁ and R₂ are independently selected from an alkyl group having from 1 to about 12 carbon atoms, X is -CH2-, a and a are integers from 1 to about 6, and Y and Y are independently selected from polymeric units of hydroxy dikylenes or alkylene oxide monomers selected from ethylene oxide, propylene oxide, butylene oxide, cyclchexene oxide, or glycidol, b and b' are independently either 0 or 1, and Z and Z' are reactive groups independently selected from -OH, -NH₂, or -SH.

2. The process as defined in claim 1 wherein the polyurethane is a foam. 4. The crocess of claim 1 wherein said coloring agent has the formula:

3. The process of claim 1 wherein said polymeric units have an average molecular weight in the range of from about 44 to 2500.

ss in which R₁ and R₂ are as defined above, and n, n', m, m', p, and p' have a value of from about 0 to about

5. A colored polyurethane resin which comprises the reaction product of a polyol and an isocyanate and which further includes a covalently bound coloring agent having the formula:

In which R₁ and R₂ are independently solected from an allyl group having from 1 to about 12 carbon atoms; X is —Ct-p-, a and a see integers from 1 to about 6, and Y and Y are independently selected from optimiser, such of hydroxy allylamses or allylamse oxide monomers selected from optivises oxide, polylamses oxi

The colored resin as defined in claim 5 wherein the resin is formed.
 The colored resin as defined in claim 5 wherein the coloring agent has the formula:

in which R₁ and R₂ are defined above, and n, n', m, m', p, end p' have a value of from about 0 to about 40.

8. A polymeric arthragulatione colorant of the formula:

wherein R₁ and R₂ are independently selected from an alkyl group having from 1 to about 12 carbon atoms; X is ~CM₂—, a and a see integers from 1 to about 6, and Y and Y are independently selected from polymeric units of bytecop solyteces or elisiptenection encourage selected from ethylencodes, because or elisiptenection encourage selected from ethylencodes, because or elisiptenection and extensive selected from CM-Rhr, for SH.

9. A polymeric anthragulaone colorant of the formula:

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wherein Π_1 and Π_2 are independently selected from an alkyl group having from 1 to about 12 carbon atoms, and n, n', m, m', p and p' have a value of from 2 to about 40 with a proviso that the sum of n, m and p' is at least 1 and that the sum of n', m' and p' is at least 1.